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PARTICIPATION IN STUDY TOUR IN USSR

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1. CANADIAN MISSION OFFICER HAS ADVISED THAT AT LUNCH TODAY WITH SOVIET MISSION COUNSELOR VICTOR ZVEZDINE AND FIRST SECRETARY POULAT NAZAROV, SOVIETS STATED CATEORICALLY THAT REFUSAL-TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION BY NON-ECE MEMBERS IN HBP COMMITTEE STUDY TOUR IN USSR WAS POLITICAL DECISION AIMED AT ISRAEL. THEY SAID THAT THEY DID NOT WITH TO VIOLATE ARTICLE XI OF ECE TERMS OF REFERENCE BUT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HAD NO CHOICE.

2. WHILE SOVIETS ASSERTED THAT ACTION SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS VIOLATION OF SPIRIT OF CSCE FINAL ACT, THEY SAID SAME PROBLEM WOULD ARISE IN FUTURE SHOULD ISRAEL (OR SOUTH AFRICA) ATTEMPT TO PARTICIPATE IN UN ACTIVITY IN USSR. SOBIETS SAID THIS WAS QUESTION TO BE DETERMINED
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BY EACH COUNTRY AND MADE NO INFERENCE THAT OTHER

COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE WOULD FOLLOW SAME
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